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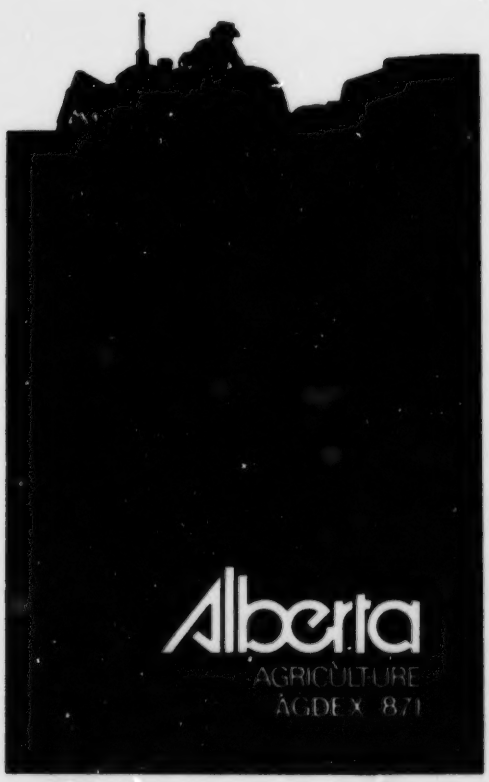

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P R E F A C E

Government assistance programs for the agricultural producer are numerous and constantly changing. These programs take various forms. To help the Alberta farmer keep abreast of the programs this publication lists various financial and management assistance programs currently available to the agricultural producers of this province. Each financial assistance program is briefly described, outlining eligibility criteria and where to apply. In addition to the financial assistance programs, other management assistance programs are briefly described under the section "Additional Programs Available to Alberta Farmers". This listing, far from complete, provides an indication of the variety of government services available to Alberta farmers. A separate publication which describes agricultural credit programs "Sources of Farm Business Credit in Alberta", Agdex 832, is available from Print Media Branch, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6.

It is expected that this publication will be useful to farmers who wish to become aware of the assistance opportunities available or who wish to determine their eligibility for programs offered. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy as of January, 1986. Because of the continual changes that are taking place with respect to these programs, the details are subject to change at any time. More detailed and current information on these programs should be obtained from the agencies accepting applications.

This publication is revised on a regular basis. Any ideas regarding changes in the contents of this publication would be appreciated.

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I. AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD GRANTS

PURPOSE: Provides funding to assist rural municipalities to develop agricultural programs and to administer related provincial acts.

The objectives of the Department of Agriculture in Agriculture Service Board funding are to participate with local governments in:

- hiring of personnel to carry out agriculture service board programs.
- carrying out programs or projects related to both provincial and local agriculture priorities which will preserve and improve our agriculture production capability.
- introducing the farming public to the latest in agriculture production techniques developed at the local, provincial or national level.
- strengthening the independence and capability of the farmers to deal with factors affecting agriculture production, such as soil conservation and pest control.
- developing a balanced agriculture program which will assist farmers in meeting the requirements of provincial acts and in providing the manpower and funds for act enforcement when necessary.

TERMS: Each board develops and carries out programs designed to meet the needs of of its district. Provincial grants are provided in relationship to provincially defined priorities and for defined and regionally approved local priority programs. Grant amounts are allocated to boards in response to requests and under a memorandum of agreement. Budget allocations are subject to annual approval.

Grants apply to all costs incurred in the conduct of any project including purchase of materials; rental of land, facilities or equipment; custom work and labor. Up to 60% of total cost (unless specified otherwise in the program guidelines) will be assumed by the Department with the remainder to be assumed by the municipality and/or farmer. Capital purchases require prior approval. Equipment purchased for rental to farmers is not eligible for maintenance assistance since the rental charge should offset this expense. Trucks and roadside spraying equipment are assisted on a rental basis only. Chemicals used on private land are not eligible for cost sharing except for demonstration.

Some projects which may be carried out include:

- providing specialized equipment such as portable scales, pumping equipment grass seeders and sprayers, on a rental basis to producers.
- persistent perennial weed control programs.
- soil erosion prevention and soil reclamation programs.
- on farm water management programs.
- roadside backsloping and seeding programs.
- shelterbelt and horticultural beautification programs.
- extension and demonstration programs to explain and illustrate new technology in crop and livestock production and weed, disease and pest control methods.
- forage crop improvement and management demonstration programs.
- beaver flood control.

AVAILABLE TO: Rural Municipalities.
APPLY TO: Local Agricultural Service Board.

II. AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

1. Beginning Farmer Program

PURPOSE: To assist individuals to establish farms on an owned land base.

TERMS: Loans of up to $200,000 are provided for productive farm assets at the Corporation's preferred lending rate for up to the first ten years of the loan. Loans are amortized to a maximum of 30 years and are reviewed on a 5 year basis. Provided the borrower complies with the terms and conditions of the Beginning Farmer Program, he/she is eligible for an incentive to be credited each year for the first 5 year term of the loan. Clients now have the option of phasing into the Beginning Farmer Loan Program in up to three stages rather than obtaining a one-time only loan.

AVAILABLE TO: Beginning farmers who have assets of less than $350,000 and a net worth of less than $175,000 after the loan is provided, and who have not previously operated a viable unit on an owned land base.

APPLY TO: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation District Loans Officer.

III. CROP, PASTURE AND SOIL PROGRAMS

A. CROPS

1. Advance Payments for Crops Act (APCA)

PURPOSE: To assist farmers producing storable crops to improve their marketing pattern and timing of sales.

TERMS: - Provides eligible producer groups with guaranteed interest free loans to make advance payments to their members;
- covers storable crops grown in Canada excepting wheat, oats and barley.
- an individual producer may receive an advance of up to $30,000 for all crops produced each year. (Partnerships and corporations up to $90,000).

AVAILABLE TO: Producer organizations which are legal entities, produce a sizeable portion of the crop within a designated area, show they have the managerial and financial resources to operate the program and do not take ownership of the producer's crop immediately after harvest.

APPLY TO:

Operating Programs
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

OR

Regional Marketing Officer
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

2. New Crop Development Fund (NCDF)

PURPOSE: To encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified crops sector in Canadian agriculture; to evaluate new crops, varieties and production techniques; to assist in the development of new crops, and to accelerate the adoption of new crops and technologies.

TERMS:
- grants to 75 per cent of project cost to a maximum of $500,000.
- for crops with a reasonable chance of commercial success.
- projects to establish a specific commercial enterprise are not eligible.

AVAILABLE TO: Commercial organizations, industrial or producer organizations, universities and other non-profit organizations and provincial and territorial agencies.

APPLY TO: New Crop Development Fund
Secretariat
Crop Production Division
Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

3. Prairie Grain Advance Payment Act (PGAPA)

PURPOSE: The Prairie Grain Advance Payment Act (PGAPA) is designed to assist western grain producers of wheat, oats and barley in meeting their short term monetary commitments by providing interest-free cash advances when quota delivery opportunities are restricted. Agriculture Canada further guarantees the repayment of 98% of the advances made by the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Act provides for:
- orderly marketing of wheat, oats and barley in the Canadian Wheat Board designated area;
- improves cash flow position of producers at harvest time; and
- reduces elevator congestion at harvest time.

Individual producers named in a permit book can receive up to $30,000 under the Act, while partnerships, cooperatives and corporations with two or more shareholders, partners or members named in the permit book can qualify for up to the maximum of $90,000. Advance rates approximate 66-2/3 per cent of the initial payment that will be payable for the prescribed grade of grain in that crop year.

AVAILABLE TO: All producers growing wheat, oats and barley within the area designated by the Canadian Wheat Board and who have a permit book for the current crop year.

APPLY TO: Operating Programs & Special Studies
Marketing Services Division
Marketing and Economics
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

Regional Marketing Officer
Marketing Services Division
Marketing & Economics
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 420-4141

4. Alberta Feed Grain Market Adjustment Program

PURPOSE: This program is designed to offset the distortion in feed grain prices which livestock producers face as a result of the current method of paying the federal "Crow" benefit.

Whether livestock producers buy or grow their feed grain, they are eligible to benefit in the amount of $21 for every tonne of grain they feed.

TERMS: The program has two options. Livestock producers can apply for one or both options.

Option 1 - the Certificate Option - is for livestock producers who are net purchasers of feed grain that is consumed as livestock feed within the province of Alberta.

Option II - the Farm Fed Option - is for livestock producers who both produce and feed their feed grains.

Those livestock producers who feed both farm-grown and purchased feed grains can register under both options.

AVAILABLE TO: All feed grain users feeding eligible grain to livestock in Alberta.

APPLY TO: Contact your local District Agriculturist.

5. Exhibitors' Assistance at Royal Agricultural Winter Fair-Field Crops

PURPOSE: To increase the interest and encourage exhibiting at the Royal Winter Fair.

TERMS: Grants are provided for:

- an honorarium of $200 for any grand champion and $150 for any reserve champion prize won in the pedigreed cereals, oilseeds and forage seed classes.

AVAILABLE TO: Exhibitors with displays approved by the Plant Industry Division of Alberta Agriculture.

APPLY TO: Supervisor, Seed Technology
Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service 47
LACOMBE, Alberta
T0C 1S0
Telephone: 782-4641 or Edmonton: 423-4214

6. Wildlife Damage Fund For Crops

PURPOSE: To compensate individuals whose crops are damaged by wildlife (big game and game birds as defined under the Game Act).

TERMS: Compensation is based on an assessment of damage, as determined by an adjuster for Alberta Hail & Crop Insurance Corporation. The present maximum award is $70.00 per acre or 75% of the value of the crop prior to damage, whichever is the lesser.

If damage is caused by animals such as deer, antelope, moose, bear, elk or mixed damage caused by both waterfowl and animals, then it comes under the Provincial Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund Regulations and more specifically under the Wildlife Support Program.

Each claim is subject to a $25.00 appraisal fee which is refunded if a claim results. No claim will be processed if the damaged area of a crop is harvested. No award is paid if damage is under 10%, and also if any crop is under $100.00 compensation.

No compensation is paid for crops baled, stacked, in granaries or bins or on grazing land.

Notice of damage will not be accepted if received more than 15 days after harvesting is generally completed in an area in the crop damage year.

In the event that harvesting is not generally completed in an area, all notice of damage must be submitted by producers prior to December 31 of the crop damage year.

AVAILABLE TO: Alberta crop producers who suffer losses, and who pay an appraisal fee of $25.00 per section of land or portion thereof.

APPLY TO: Claims can be processed through any of the 53 Regional or District Offices of Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation.

B. VEGETABLES

1. Market Garden Development Program

PURPOSE: To increase market garden production of vegetables and small fruit in Alberta.

TERMS: The assistance is in the form of a development grant for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, equipment, etc. The grant payment is $750 (only) for a minimum of one hectare of vegetable and/or small fruit production required for eligibility. A producing unit can only receive this form of assistance for a maximum of two years, reviewed yearly.

AVAILABLE TO: Market gardeners who produce, harvest and sell all produce from a minimum of one hectare of land, fully planted, to vegetables and/or small fruit (excluding potatoes).

APPLY TO: Alberta Horticultural Research Centre,
Bag Service 200,
BROOKS, Alberta,
T0J 0J0

prior to July 1st of the crop year.

2. Fruit and Vegetable Cold Storage Program

See CAMDI (Canadian Agricultural Market Development Initiative) Page 38.

3. Vegetable and Potato Storage Program

PURPOSE: To improve the productivity and viability of the vegetable industry in Alberta. Loan funds may be used for constructing, modifying or improving new or existing potato and vegetable storage facilities, including ventilation, humidification and refrigeration equipment; for purchasing specialized equipment for produce handling capabilities such as bin loading and unloading equipment, graders, vegetable and potato washing, waxing, grading and handling equipment, but excluding motorized mobile equipment.

TERMS: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive rebate is $100,000. This is the same for partnerships or individuals.

*The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

i) 7 per cent or
ii) one-half the aggregate of 1% and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the 1st day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

*ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

An annual inspection of the facility will be made by the ADC loans officer.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

AVAILABLE TO: Potato growers licensed by the Alberta Potato Commission. Vegetable growers licensed by the Alberta Fresh Vegetable Marketing Board.

APPLY TO: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive, at which time an application needs to be completed. Funding to complete the project must then be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee or alternatively a specific Guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

4. Farmers' Market Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To assist with the development and advertising of Farmers' Markets as viable outlets for direct sale of producer goods and commodities to the consuming public.

TERMS: Capital assistance of up to $5,000 is available to any one Farmers' Market over the life of that market. Capital items include building improvements, tables, refrigerators, etc. Annual advertising and promotional assistance is available to Farmers' Markets.

Funds may be advanced to any individual or organization which meet the requirements specified in the Farmers' Market Guidelines.

AVAILABLE TO: A community group or organization may sponsor a Farmers' Market. The sponsoring body may be a group of stallholders; a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act; or a private firm operating the market on a non-profit basis.

APPLY TO: Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

C. PASTURE

1. Range and Soil Improvement Program

PURPOSE: To increase farm and ranch income by assisting and promoting land improvement and development measures that will increase land productivity. Eligible projects include:

a) Brushing and/or breaking previously uncultivated land for agricultural purposes.
b) Seeding pasture and haylands to suitable tame species on soils with adequate potential.
c) Purchase and application of agricultural lime or marl to reduce soil acidity (a lime requirement soil test is a prerequisite for this purpose).
d) Deep plowing (18 to 24") of solonetzic soils (prior inspection and approval by Alberta Agriculture Soil Specialist is required).
e) Brush control through mechanical or biological means.
f) Fence construction to facilitate grazing rotations and grazing utilization or to facilitate the use of additional areas by grazing animals.
g) Trails to improve animal access (in bush covered areas).
h) Poisonous plant control and range weed control.
i) Drainage where necessary to develop small depressional areas. (Approval in writing by Alberta Environment may be required).
j) land levelling to facilitate irrigation (this does not include any costs involved with relocating irrigation ditches).
k) dugout construction to facilitate summer water supply on pasture. (conditional that the dugout not be eligible for assistance under the P.F.R.A. program).

TERMS: The maximum amount of loan eligible for incentive payment is $10,000 for each individual farm or ranch; for partnerships and corporations $10,000 for the first family plus $5,000 for each additional family to a maximum of $20,000. All families must be actively involved in the farming or ranching operation.

The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

i) 7 per cent or
ii) one-half the aggregate of 1 per cent and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the 1st day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

AVAILABLE TO: All farmers or ranchers who own land in the Province of Alberta.

*ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

APPLY TO: Contact your nearest District Agriculturist to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive, at which time an application will be completed.

Funding for the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee, or alternatively a specific Guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

2. Range Improvement Assistance Program

PURPOSE: Provide incentive to the livestock producer to improve the forage production and utilization of rangelands held under grazing disposition issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

TERMS: The following four separate programs provide assistance to grazing disposition holders:

a. 100% funding of all approved range improvement projects to eligible applicants. Funding of up to $22,000 is available per applicant.
b. Cost share funding between the leasee and the department whereby the leasee may fund up to 50 per cent of the total cost of developments. Department share will not exceed $150/acre on land development projects ($2200 in total funding by department per leasee). In addition, the leasee receives a rental credit placed against future rental charges to the equivalent of 50 per cent of the actual costs of development. An increase in tenure of lease is also awarded to the leasee if he/she applies under this form of Range Improvement Assistance.
c. A disposition rental credit equivalent to 25 per cent of the cost of range maintenance projects and certain livestock distribution facilities.
d. Exemption from the increase in rental that normally results from the conversion of low quality rangelands, i.e., brush to tame forage. Under this program the disposition holder may also be permitted to grow cereal or oil seed crops for a specific number of years without payment of cropshare.

AVAILABLE TO: Holders of grazing dispositions issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

APPLY TO: Range Improvement and Development
Section Public Lands Division Alberta
Energy and Natural Resources
4th Floor, Petroleum Plaza, South Tower
9915 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2C9 Ph. 427-3596

D. SOIL

1. Agriculture Lime Freight Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To assist farmers in acid soil areas with the cost of transporting lime or marl, and to promote the development of a provincial agricultural lime industry.

TERMS: The government will pay 80% of the transportation costs of hauling agricultural lime in excess of the $5.50 per tonne, and 50% of the cost of transporting marl up to $ 5.50 per cubic meter. Transportation assistance is based on the producer's receipted invoice of transportation costs. Assistance is available to producers who use their own vehicle to transport lime or marl all or part of the distance from a quarry to their farms.

The maximum rates for commercial carriers is as follows:
up to 200 km. ..... 11¢ per tonne/km.
up to 400 km. ..... 9¢ per tonne/km.
up to 600 km. ..... 7¢ per tonne/km.
more than 600 km. .. 5¢/per tonne/km, except in I.D. 23 where the 7¢ rate applies up to 1,000 km.

Farmers transporting lime for their own use will be allowed 70% of the maximum commercial rate. Maximum assistance is $15,000 per farmer per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

AVAILABLE TO: All farmers requiring lime or marl for land application to reduce soil acidity based on a lime requirement test showing an original soil pH of 6.0 or less.

APPLY TO: Local district agriculturist.

2. Alberta Farm Fertilizer Price Protection Plan

PURPOSE: Fertilizer represents as much as 30% of the cash cost of production; this program is designed to assist Alberta farmers in reducing their crop production costs.

TERMS: Payment will be made based on $50/tonne of actual Nitrogen and $25/tonne of actual phosphate contained in fertilizer grades purchased by farmers. Fertilizer must be purchased (from a recognized dealer or agent), paid for and used on farmland in Alberta between August 1, 1984 and July 31, 1986. Application deadline is September 30, 1986.

AVAILABLE TO: Individuals, proprietorships, corporations, recognized or unrecognized partnerships; and other organizations such as Indian reserves, Metis associations and Hutterite colonies are eligible.

APPLY TO: Application forms may be acquired at your local District Agriculturist's office.

IV. ENERGY

1. a) Alberta Farm Fuel Distribution Allowance

PURPOSE: Program is designed to assist Alberta farmers by reducing farm fuel expenses.

TERMS: When an Alberta farmer purchases fuel for his farming operation, the price of purple gasoline, purple diesel fuel and purple heating oil is reduced by 7 cents per litre (approximately 32 cents/gal). The reduction is to be shown on the purchase invoice.

AVAILABLE TO: A person engaged in farming operations in Alberta.

APPLY TO: Alberta Treasury, Revenue Administration for a Declaration of Alberta Farmer form. Approved declarations are given an Identification Number. This number is then to be given to each bulk fuel dealer that the farmer deals with.

The address and telephone number for Revenue Administration is:

9811 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0C8
Phone: 1-800-262-9069 (toll free) or 427-3044, in the Edmonton calling area.

1. b) Special Farm Fuel Rebate

PURPOSE: Program is designed to assist Alberta farmers by further reducing farm fuel expenses.

TERMS: Effective from Dec. 1, 1985 to March 31, 1987, the Alberta Farm Fuel Distribution Allowance (AFFDA) rate (see #1 above) is increased to 14¢/litre from 7¢/litre. The purchase price of purple gasoline, purple diesel fuel and purple heating oil is reduced by 14¢/litre. The 14¢ per litre reduction will be shown directly on purchaser invoices.

NOTE: Farmers must apply separately for the additional 7¢/litre increase on purchases of marked fuel (gasoline, diesel and heating oil) made between Jan. 1, 1985 and Nov. 30, 1985. Originals or copies of invoices for purchases of the above fuels must be submitted with a claim form. Claims should be submitted by March 31, 1986.

AVAILABLE TO: A person engaged in farming operations in Alberta during this period.

APPLY TO: Alberta Treasury, Revenue Administration for a rebate claim form and/or a Declaration of Alberta Farmer form. Their address and telephone number is:

9811 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0C8
Telephone: 1-800-262-9069 (toll free) or 427-3044, in the Edmonton calling area.

2. Assistance for Rental or Purchase of Fuel Oil or Propane Tank

PURPOSE: To offset costs associated with the purchase or rental of fuel oil or propane tanks.

TERMS: a. Purchase of fuel oil or propane tank for those individuals to whom natural gas service is not available. A tank purchased after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in the amount of 40% of the cost of the purchase price, up to a maximum of a $500 grant.

b. Rental of a fuel oil or propane tank. A tank rented after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in an amount up to 40% of the cost of rental up to a maximum of a $500 grant.

Proof of payment of purchase or annual rental are necessary for verification.

AVAILABLE TO: a. Rural residents not served with natural gas who have a permanent residence outside the boundaries of a franchise area.

b. Rural residents within a part of a franchise area where a distributor certifies that natural gas is not or was not available at the time of purchase or of rental cost being claimed.

APPLY TO: Business and Grants Section
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
6th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3Y9 Phone: 427-0130

3. Canadian Home Insulation Program (Expires March 31, 1986. See below)

PURPOSE: To provide funds for reducing the heat loss through the envelope of Canadian Homes. Specifically, the objective of the program is to reduce residential energy consumption for heating purposes by 30%. This objective is based on the thermal upgrading of 70% of Canadian homes built prior to September 1, 1977.

TERMS: Provides 1/3 of the cost of approved materials; or approved materials and labour, including insulation, vapour barriers, caulking, weatherstripping and improved ventilation up to a maximum of $500. For example, to get the full $500 grant, the homeowner would have to spend $1,500 on materials or would have paid $1,500 to a contractor who is listed with the Canadian General Standards Board for labour and materials. Spend less and the grant is reduced accordingly. The grant is taxable. This program will be cancelled March 31, 1986 or when funds are depleted - whichever occurs first. Reserve funds by contacting the Regional Office.

All work must be completed and the completed application form received by CHIP by March 31, 1986.

AVAILABLE TO: A building is eligible if it is a principal residence (vacation homes not included) or a non-profit hostel, three storeys or less in height, and if it was built before September 1, 1977. This applies to mobile homes built before September 1, 1977 also. Insulating contractors must be listed with the Canadian General Standards Board in order to claim for labour. Minimum R-values are in effect. Should you be insulating an attic, a minimum of R34 is required; for basements the minimum requirement is R12 (this includes insulation which may be existing in the attic or basement).

APPLY TO: Homeowners and tenants may apply by calling the CHIP office or through a Canadian General Standards Board listed contractor. An individual application form will be sent to the applicant together with information about the program.

Source of Program: Canadian Home Insulation Program
Box 3030
Edmonton, Alta. T5J 2G6
Telephone: 420-2459 (Edmonton area)
1-800-232-9492 (toll free)
or call collect

4. Federal Excise Tax Refund On Gasoline

PURPOSE: Provide lower fuel costs for farmers.

TERMS: Excise Tax of 1.5¢/litre after Jan. 1/79 is refundable to farmers for gasoline used in their farming operations. Agricultural organizations are also eligible for this redund. Claims may be submitted at six month intervals for periods ending December 31 and June 30 or when the tax claimable amounts to $200 or more, subject to a maximum of one claim per month.

For gasoline purchased prior to May 24, 1985, claims for refunds must be filed within four years of the date of purchase.

For gasoline purchased on or after May 24, 1985, claims for refund must be filed within two years of the date the gasoline was purchased.

It is not necessary to submit receipts or vouchers with a claim, but the claimant must retain documentation for audit purposes.

AVAILABLE TO: Agricultural producers using gasoline for farming operations. Agricultural organizations are also eligible.

APPLY TO: Information and claim forms are available at Canada Post offices or from:

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
Room 407
220 - 4th Avenue, S.E.
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 292-5678

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
6th Floor Manulife Building
10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2
Telephone: 420-4320

5. Federal Fuel Tax Rebate On Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Used Off-Highway

PURPOSE: Provide lower fuel costs for farmers.

TERMS: Farmers are eligible for a 3¢/litre sales tax rebate directly from fuel suppliers. This program runs until December 31, 1986. To obtain this direct rebate, farmers must quote their sales tax bulk permit number to the fuel supplier.

Farmers who purchase gasoline or diesel fuel in bulk may obtain a sales tax bulk permit number by applying to Revenue Canada on application form FT-1.

For fuel purchased from December 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985 inclusive, farmers are eligible for an additional 1.8¢/litre rebate of the Petroleum Compensation Charge. Thus, for this period, the total rebate amounts to 4.8 cents per litre.

For fuel purchased from December 31, 1984 to the date that a sales tax bulk permit number is obtained, the tax rebate may be obtained by application, using Form FT-3 available from Revenue Canada.

TIME LIMITS: For a full refund of the 4.8¢/litre on fuel purchased between December 1, 1984 and May 31, 1985 inclusive, claims must be filed within one year of date of purchase. Hence, for example, if fuel was purchased on January 20, 1985, the claim must be postmarked by January 19, 1986.

Otherwise the time limit for the 3¢/litre sales tax rebate only is four years for fuel purchased before May 24, 1985 and two years for fuel purchased on or after May 24, 1985.

AVAILABLE TO: Farmers using gasoline or diesel fuel off-highway for farming purposes.

APPLY TO:

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
Room 470
220 - 4th Ave. S.E.
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 292-5678

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
6th Flr. Manulife Building
10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2
Telephone: 420-4320

6. New Home Energy Analysis Service

The HOTCAN computer program designed by the National Research Council in Saskatoon is used to estimate the annual energy costs for new homes at the design stage. People planning to build a home can run different door, window, wall, ceiling and basement R-values through the computer, along with other features such as house orientation, air infiltration rate, heat exchangers, etc. Design information is submitted on special data sheets.

APPLY TO: Technical Advisor, Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
Energy, Mines & Resource Canada
Room 200, 22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4
Telephone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035

7. Primary Agricultural Producers Rebate Program

PURPOSE: To provide a direct rebate of natural gas costs to consumers engaged in primary agricultural production.

TERMS: The program rebates 50¢ per gigajoule on consumption of natural gas of over 300 gigajoules, and up to a maximum of 10,000 gigajoules used by an applicant during a calendar year. The program is retroactive to January 1, 1982 and will terminate on December 31, 1987.

AVAILABLE TO: Agricultural producers engaged in the production of field crops, livestock and poultry operations, greenhouses (including ornamental), irrigation, grain drying, sod and peat moss farms, and alfalfa processors.

APPLY TO: Rebates Branch, Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
2nd Floor, 12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 3Y9 Phone: 422-1233

8. Natural Gas Vehicle Program

PURPOSE: Financial assistance is available from the government of Canada to purchase a new vehicle with a natural gas system or to convert a vehicle to run on natural gas.

Used equipment and labour costs are not eligible. Costs can include fuel tanks, regulators, shut-off valves, carburators and applicable hoses and clamps. Equipment must be purchased in Canada and all components must comply with Canadian standards.

TERMS: The payment covers 100% of eligible cost of materials to a maximum of $500. The conversion to natural gas must be carried out between February 5, 1983 and March 31, 1987.

AVAILABLE TO: All Corporations, individuals and organizations resident in Canada, except:
- provincial government departments, agencies and Crown Corporations
- federal government departments, agencies and Crown Corporations (except financially independent Crown Corporations as determined by Treasury Board Secretariat).

Eligible vehicles: All vehicles except:

- off-road industrial vehicles such as forklifts and front-end loaders and vehicles operating underground or indoors;
- vehicles used 50% or more outside Canada;
- vehicles for which a previous federal contribution for natural gas or for propane has been made or applied for;
- vehicles whose conversion cost has been subsidized by another Federal Government program.

NOTE: Applications under this program must be filed within one year of the conversion to natural gas, or of the purchase of the new vehicle.

APPLY TO: Natural Gas Vehicle Program
Coal and Alternative Energy Branch
Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
P.O. Box 4513, Station "E"
Ottawa, Ontario
K1S 5K6

9. Rebate on Propane and Heating Oil

PURPOSE: Provides a rebate on propane and heating oil used for heating purposes, when natural gas service cannot be provided at an economical cost.

TERMS: Residents of areas not serviced by a franchised natural gas distributor or those within a franchised area who cannot be economically served are eligible for a direct rebate up to 35% on the purchase price of propane and heating oil.

Each applicant is eligible for up to 18,185 litres (4,000 gals.) of propane or 12,275 litres (2,700 gals.) of heating oil or a proportionate combination of both each year.

Propane used for drying grain and in irrigation pumps is also eligible for rebate if natural gas is not available in the volume required or if the units must be portable.

Applications for rebate must be received within two years of the date of fuel purchase. Forms are available from fuel dealers.

AVAILABLE TO: All Alberta farmers.

APPLY TO: The Remote Area Heating Allowance Program
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
7th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta T5N 3Y9
(403) 427-0122

10. Natural Gas Price Protection Plan

PURPOSE: To shelter Alberta natural gas users from increases in the price of natural gas.

TERMS: The plan rebates the utility company cost of gas down to 65% of the Alberta Border Price. The rebate is included in utility company rates which are approved by the Public Utilities Board. The Board, through a careful rate review, ensures that the full rebate benefit flows through to the consumers. Generally, there is no need for individual applications.

The program was introduced January 1, 1974 and continues to March 31, 1988.

AVAILABLE TO: Residential, commercial and industry users [up to 1.055 PJ (petajoules) (one billion cubic feet) per year]. Some uses, such as gas used in heavy oil recovery and as a compressor fuel are not eligible for rebate.

For further information contact:

Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
Rebates Branch, Natural Gas Rebates Section
7th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Phone: 427-0122

11. Rural Electrification Financial Assistance

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance to farmers for electrical service.

TERMS: Rural Electrification Revolving Fund loans for the farm customer/member construction contribution. The loans bear interest at 3-1/2 per cent per annum for a term of 10 or 25 years. A minimum downpayment of $100 per service is required.

AVAILABLE TO: All farm customers served by an electric utility company or Rural Electrification Association.

APPLY TO: Contact the local electric utility company office to initiate an application.

For further information: Contact:

Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
Rural Electric Branch
5th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Phone: 427-8444

12. Solar Demonstration Program

a) Solar Domestic Hot Water Program

PURPOSE: This program encourages the use of solar domestic water heating by subsidizing the cost of installing a solar domestic water heater.

TERMS: The actual payment for each installed system is determined according to the amount of energy it is capable of delivering.

As of January 1, 1986, contribution payments of up to $1,100 will be made to companies participating in the program. Consumers, homeowners and commercial enterprises can purchase an accepted solar hot water system directly from these companies, and the benefit will then be passed on to the individual.

All companies participating in the program are selected on the basis of ongoing requests for proposals, and all systems sold by them must be accepted by a joint government-industry committee.

b) Commercial and Industrial Demonstration Program

PURPOSE: This program is designed to encourage the use of active solar energy in the commercial and industrial sectors. Energy, Mines and Resources Canada will offer cost-sharing agreements to successful proponents to purchase and install active solar energy systems.

TERMS: The amount of government assistance to the applicant will be based upon the cost and performance of the system. As of October 1, 1985, the maximum contribution will be 50% or $90 per gigajoule for commercial/institutional applications and 50% or $70 per gigajoule for industrial applications. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to support and maintain the project.

For further information on these programs, contact:

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Grandin Park Plaza
2nd. Floor
22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
St. Albert, Alberta
T8N 1B4
Phone: 1-800-222-6477

V. LIVESTOCK

A. GENERAL

1. Anthrax Indemnification Program

PURPOSE: Compensation to reduce the losses of a farmer whose animals die from this disease.

TERMS: The payment for cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats which die of this disease is the market value of the animals, subject to limits. As well, free vaccination is provided to treat the herd. Confirmation of disease must be done by a federal veterinarian. Compensation is available for confirmed cases up to $500 for cattle, $350 for horses and $200 for sheep, swine and goats.

AVAILABLE TO: Farmers with confirmed cases of Anthrax in their herds.

APPLY TO: One of the 19 district offices of Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada.

2. Assistance For Livestock Exhibitors

PURPOSE: To help defray costs and encourage the exhibiting of livestock at major out-of-province shows.

TERMS: Agribition - Regina - Regina - Exhibitors at the Agribition in Regina will receive financial assistance, on the basis of a cash grant per head, as follows:

- breeding cattle - $100 per animal exhibited, or $100 for a cow/calf pair exhibited.
- market steer - $75 per animal.
- goats or swine - $35 per animal.

Toronto Royal Winter Fair Exhibitors at the Royal Winter Fair are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per head basis as follows:

- breeding cattle - $200 per animal or $200 per cow/calf pair exhibited in beef and dairy classes
- horses - $200 per animal shown in breeding classes
- sheep, goats or swine - $70 per animal
- market classes steers - $150 per animal
- market lambs or pigs - $40 per animal

Pacific National Exhibition - Vancouver Exhibitors to the P.N.E. will receive financial assistance only on individual animals and groups of animals which place in their respective classes. This assistance will be equal to the prize money paid for that placing.

Special awards, such as those given by breed associations, will not be duplicated.

Beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine and horses in nonperformance classes are all eligible for this assistance. Verification of prize money won (e.g. a copy of the fairboard statement) must be provided.

National Sheep and Goat Shows Exhibitors to the National Sheep or the National Goat show will receive assistance in the form of a cash grant per animal as follows:

- $35 per head exhibited when the National Show is held in British Columbia, Saskatchewan or Manitoba.
- $75 per head exhibited when the National Show is held in provinces east of Manitoba.
- No assistance will be provided to exhibitors at the Pacific National Exhibition or the Canadian Western Agribition if the National Sheep or Goat show is held at another location in British Columbia or Saskatchewan respectively. Similarly, no assistance will be provided to exhibitors to the Toronto Royal Winter if the National Sheep or Goat show is held at another location in Ontario in the same calendar year.

National Western Stock Show - Denver - Exhibitors at the Western National Stock Show are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per animal, as follows:

- beef breeding cattle shown singly - $200 per animal.
- bulls shown in group of 3 or 5 animals - $150 per animal.
- bulls in carload lots - $100 per animal (maximum of 12).

Designated U.S. National Sheep Shows An exhibitor is eligible for assistance to one designated U.S. National Sheep show in a given calendar year. A cash grant, per head of breeding sheep shown, will be paid on a pro-rated basis.

A list of designated show dates is available from the Head of Special Projects Section of the Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch.

Maximum Eligible Entry: Any breed unit will be eligible for assistance on a maximum of twelve entries. A "breed unit" is defined as all animals of a given breed owned singly or jointly by the exhibitor identified in the show catalogue. An "entry" is defined as an individual animal entered in a single class or as a group of animals entered in a pen class provided they have not also been entered in single classes. For any given breed unit, not more than twenty animals will be eligible for assistance in pen or group classes.

AVAILABLE TO: Any exhibitor of livestock in the designated shows for breeds listed in the respective show catalogues.

APPLY TO: Special Projects Section
Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000, 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 phone: 427-5335

3. Livestock Development Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To assist with annual administrative and developmental expenses of livestock breed associations.

TERMS: Assistance provided on a 50/50 cost sharing basis for expenses which may include, but not limited to: administration, research, field trials, judging, training, support to junior organizations, field days, assistance with maintenance of presence at shows and fairs, employment and expenses of fieldmen and specialized staff, education seminars and breed information literature.

AVAILABLE TO: Livestock breed associations, representing individual breeds or species, which have at lease 12 active members who are full-time farmers. Members must enter registered livestock at two major shows or sales annually.

APPLY TO: Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

4. Livestock Shows and Congresses Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To encourage Alberta livestock breed associations to sponsor major national and international breed sponsored and recognized championship shows and congresses held in Alberta.

TERMS: Assistance with promotional, advertising and organizational support expenses is on a 50/50 cost sharing basis for each event. Support limited to a total of three shows per year. Applications must be made a minimum of 12 months in advance.

AVAILABLE TO: Alberta livestock breed associations sponsoring national/international breed sponsored and recognized championship shows and congresses when held in Alberta.

APPLY TO: Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

5. Livestock Predator Compensation Program

PURPOSE: Compensation for loss of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry due to predation.

TERMS: Payment is based on 80% of the slaughter value or normal commercial market value of animals at the time of loss. Slaughter value compensation for confirmed losses is established by a committee. Predator kill must be verified by a public official.

There is also partial payment on probable losses and missing animals associated with confirmed losses (i.e. losses claimed by the farmer, although not proved or confirmed by a public official).

APPLY TO: Local District Agriculturist, agricultural fieldmen, fish and wildlife officer, practising veterinarian, predator specialist, or

Chairman,
Livestock Disaster and Predator Compensation Program
Alberta Agriculture
Animal Health Division
Box 8070, Postal Station "F"
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

6. Semen and Embryo Producers' Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To assist with organization and developmental expenses of the semen and embryo producing operations.

TERMS: Assistance provided on a 50/50 cost sharing basis on eligible development, supply response or market maintenance expenditures.

AVAILABLE TO: Semen and embryo producing operations. Companies with Divisions involved in both semen and embryo processing and marketing may qualify for assistance.

APPLY TO: Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

7. Rabies Indemnification Program

PURPOSE: Compensation for livestock that die or have to be destroyed because of rabies.

TERMS: There is no provision for the payment of compensation under the Animal Disease Protection Act; however, in some provinces an arrangement has been entered into between the federal and provincial governments to pay an indemnity for loss of domestic livestock due to rabies. No such indemnity program exists in Alberta at this time.

A certificate, indicating death due to rabies, is completed by a full-time veterinarian. The diagnosis may be based on clinical or laboratory findings.

AVAILABLE TO: Persons whose animals contract rabies.

APPLY TO: Veterinary Inspection and Operations, Agriculture Canada. The diagnosis is based on laboratory findings. The lab work is done at A.D.R.I., Lethbridge. District Veterinarians do not confirm the diagnosis; this is the lab's function.

8. Tuberculosis/Brucellosis Compensation Program

PURPOSE: Compensation and advisory assistance for animals that have to be destroyed because of these diseases.

TERMS: Compensation is paid on the following basis:
- Grade Beef Cattle up to $1,000
- Grade Dairy Cattle up to $1,200
- Purebred Beef Cattle up to $1,500
- Purebred Dairy Cattle up to $1,800

This compensation is made up of a combination of the salvage value of the carcass plus a government grant. If the salvage value of the carcass is more than the specific allocation, no additional government grant is made.

Disease must be confirmed by a meat inspector or federal veterinarian.

AVAILABLE TO: Farmers with livestock contacting tuberculosis or brucellosis.

APPLY TO: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

9. Records of Performance Programs

PURPOSE: To identify superior genetic material so producers can improve the productivity, efficiency and quality of Canadian livestock.

TERMS: Federal program

ROP Dairy
Cattle-productivity of individual cows is measured for enrolled herds. Efficiency and superiority of dairy sires are assessed and data for use of industry are published. Programs based on ROP include sire appraisal, registration of male purebred, ROP show-ring requirements and research.

Federal-Provincial Programs

ROP Beef
Program includes federal-provincial tests on average daily gains and 365 day weights. Contributions are available for station testing of pre-selected bulls and for progeny testing.

ROP Swine
Boars and gilts are tested for backfat thickness and age at 200 pounds (home test). Performance information is issued quarterly for sows and boars. Seven swine testing stations, owned and operated by Agriculture Canada, are utilized in the program. Emphasis is on boar and sire progeny tests.

ROP Sheep
Home and station testing. Provides a lamb performance index and ewe productivity index based on total pounds of lamb produced.

AVAILABLE TO: Livestock producers.

APPLY TO: Production Development Directorate
Animal Production Division
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 994-0086

OR

Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-2727

Food Production & Inspection
Livestock Division
Agriculture Canada
8th Floor, 9820 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1G2
Phone: 420-2800

B. BEES

1. Beeyard Compensation Program

PURPOSE: Compensate for the loss of beehives and equipment due to bear activity.

TERMS: All losses must be reported to Fish & Wildlife within 24 hours, so that they can carry out bear control. Payment is based on 80% of the assessed loss.

AVAILABLE TO: Claimant must be a registered beekeeper in the Province of Alberta, have at least forty hives, and the beeyard must be fenced with an electrified fence.

APPLY TO: A Fish & Wildlife Officer, Departmental Predator Specialist, District Agriculturist, Agricultural Fieldman or Departmental Apiculturist.

For details and claim forms contact: Dr. G.W. Summers, Chairman

Alberta Agriculture
Animal Health Division
Box 8070, Postal Station F.
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

2. Alberta Beekeepers Assistance Program - (See XI Temporary Drought Related Programs - page 53).

C. DAIRY

Federal Dairy Subsidy Program

PURPOSE: Payments are made to dairy producers to compensate for the difference between the market price and the cost of production.

TERMS: Subsidy for 1984-85 is $6.03 per hectolitre on industrial milk with butterfat of 3.6 kilograms per hl. or $1.675 per kg. of butterfat less a within-quota levy of $5.14/hl. to create funds to subsidize the export of skim milk powder.

AVAILABLE TO: Producers must hold a market share quota. Maximum production per individual is 18,000 kg. of butterfat or in the case of partnerships, multiples of 18,000 kg. per partner, with maximum of three partners or shareholders.

APPLY TO: For further information (quota transfer, etc.) contact:

Alberta Dairy Control Board
5201 50 Avenue
WETASKIWIN, Alberta
T9A 0S7

D. POULTRY

Newcastle Disease In Poultry

PURPOSE: Compensation for losses of poultry that die from Newcastle Disease.

TERMS: Compensation for losses of birds and eggs is based on the market value as determined by an inspector.

AVAILABLE TO: Farmers whose poultry is infected with Newcastle Disease.

APPLY TO: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada. Disease must be confirmed by a federal veterinarian at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

E. SHEEP

Sheep Producers' Incentive Program

PURPOSE: To improve the productivity and viability of the sheep industry in Alberta by making financing available with special terms and conditions.

Loan funds may be used for purchase or modification of specialized equipment required for sheep production; construction, alteration or repair of buildings used in sheep production, including feedlot facilities; construction, alteration or repair of electric pagewire, wooden or barbed wire fences and corrals; purchase of breeding stock and other purposes approved by ADC.

TERMS: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive payment is $40,000.

*The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

i) 7% or
ii) one-half the aggregate of 1% and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the 1st day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

* ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

AVAILABLE TO: An established or potential sheep producer residing within the province of Alberta who is the owner or operator of a farming or ranching enterprise.

APPLY TO: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer who determines the eligibility for the rebate. Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment or principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date. Funding to complete the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee, or alternatively a specific Guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

VI. WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. P.F.R.A. Rural Water Development Program

PURPOSE: To provide technical and financial assistance to bona fide farmers and ranchers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the development of on-farm water sources.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant. For the purpose of this program, a bona fide farmer or rancher is a person who is recognized as such for income tax purposes. Individuals whose major source of income is not farming, and who carry out "minor farming activities" with no reasonable expectation of profit, are NOT ELIGIBLE.

2. Prior to any development being undertaken, application must be made to PFRA on appropriate application form, or by personally contacting one of the PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Service Offices. Failure to comply with this requirement could render prospective recipients ineligible for a contribution.

3. Applicant is required to construct projects according to established standards and specifications provided by PFRA and various provincial government agencies.

4. Projects requiring authorization by provincial Water Rights Branch must be approved by the provincial branch prior to financial contribution being recommended.

NOTE: This policy will be in effect from April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987. Applications for wells, dugouts and other source development projects (not requiring water rights approval) completed during this period will be accepted until March 31, 1988.

TERMS: Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to the maximums stated below. As detailed below, unit prices will be applied for some items of work or material.

Unit Price Maximums: Earthwork - $0.28 per cubic metre ($0.21 per cubic yard).
Materials - one-third of the cost of approved materials.

NOTE: There is a possibility of an increase in unit prices, effective April 1, 1986.

Individual Stockwatering Dams, Dugouts and Other Source Developments - Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $1650.00 per stock-watering dam, dugout or other source development.

Dugouts shall be at least 1,911 cubic metres (2,500 cubic yds) in size to qualify for a financial contribution. The dugout must have a minimum depth of 3.65 metres (12 feet) for pasture use and 4.27 metres (14 feet) for dugouts used as a year-round supply (i.e. farmstead supply).

Eligible costs include earthwork, pipeline installation, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control gates, plastic pipe, or any other approved material used in construction of the project.

Individual Farm Wells Small diameter wells (normally rotary, cable-tool or jetted). One third of eligible costs or $22.00 per metre ($6.70 per foot) of cased depth (including length of screen) whichever is less.

Large diameter wells (normally bored or excavated). One-third of eligible costs or $52.00 per metre ($15.85 per foot) of cribbed depth plus one-third the cost of a large diameter screen, whichever is less.

The maximum contribution for any one well will be $1650.00. Eligible costs include cribbing, casing, screens, development, pump-testing, etc., but does not include pumps, power or any other equipment used to draw water from the well.

Individual and Neighbour Irrigation Projects - Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (which ever is less) to a maximum of $2,200 per project. Eligible costs include earth-work, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control structures, aluminum or plastic pipe, sprinkler equipment, pumps, motors, or any other approved material or equipment.

Where two or more farmers jointly develop an irrigation project, the total financial assistance per project will be based on unit prices or one-third of eligible costs, whichever is less, to a maximum of $2,200 per applicant.

IMPORTANT: Applicants for contributions are required to present invoices for materials or services, and if applicable, Well Driller's Log or Report which are to be included as eligible costs for purposes of calculating contributions.

Group Projects: Subject to the availability of funds and departmental approval, financial and technical assistance will be available to groups of bona fide farmers and ranchers (five or more) in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for the development of water sources for domestic, livestock or irrigation uses.

Contributions for approved projects will be based on 50 per cent (50%) of eligible costs to a maximum of $15,000; however, consideration will be given to projects where Canada's share would exceed this level.

Eligible projects will include any type of source development and the conveyance works to the point of use, but will exclude land and treatment or distribution works. Shareable costs include all services, materials and labour required for the development of water sources.

AVAILABLE TO: Bona fide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources. Technical assistance is provided at no charge to locate, investigate, survey, design and inspect water source development projects and irrigation projects.

APPLY TO: PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Services Offices located in:

Hanna, Alberta	(854-4448)	Red Deer, Alberta	(346-8958)
Lethbridge, Alberta	(327-4410)	Peace River, Alberta	(624-3386)
Westlock, Alberta	(349-3963)	Medicine Hat, Alberta	(526-2429)
Vegreville, Alberta	(632-2919)		

2. Drought Emergency Water Supply Program (DEWSP)

PURPOSE: To assist rural landowners within the Province in replenishing or replacing permanent domestic or stock water supply sources which have been depleted due to recent drought conditions.

TERMS: The following grant assistance is available: (Applications should be approved prior to the commencement of drilling).

1. All rural landowners may be eligible for the Emergency Groundwater Test Hole drilling subsidy as follows:

   a. Rotary @ $4.00/foot (plus $2.00/foot if E-logged)
   b. Cable Tool @ $6.00/foot
   c. Boring @ $8.00/foot
   d. Auger @ $4.00/foot

2. Bona fide farmers and ranchers may also be eligible for an additional Farm Well Completion Supplement. This grant is equal to $2.70/foot up to 250 feet, and $6.70/foot beyond 250 feet to the well completion depth. (Note: Assistance will not exceed the total invoiced cost).

AVAILABLE TO: Test hole drilling assistance is available to acreage owners. Test hole drilling assistance and farm well completion assistance is available to bona fide farmers and ranchers. In order to be considered eligible, the applicant must be applying on a land location where:

1. An already existing permanent water supply has been disrupted, and
2. The disruption is due to the drought and not to any change in their water demands, or other circumstances.

APPLY TO: Alberta Environment - Planning Division, Calgary, Alberta.

Deadline for Applications: March 31, 1986.

3. Emergency Dugout Pumping Program

PURPOSE: This program provides equipment on a rental basis for the filling of farm dugouts; which due to the unusual weather conditions were not filled by runoff and precipitation.

TERMS: In 1985, Alberta Agriculture refunded to farmers and ranchers 50% of the cost of utilizing the program. The fees for the use of the program are $50/day/pump and $200/day for the first mile of pipe. Additional charges are made at the rate of $100/day for each additional mile of pipe or portions thereof.

AVAILABLE TO: Bona fide farmers and ranchers.

APPLY TO: For more information on this program, contact your local District Agriculturist.

4. Alberta Farm Water Grant Program

PURPOSE: To assist bona fide farmers and/or ranchers in the construction of permanent water transmission systems.

TERMS: Projects will be cost-shared with farmers and ranchers on a 75 per cent government contribution and 25 per cent applicant share to a limit of $20,000 per serviced farm unit (i.e. maximum grant of $15,000).

Funding from other government sources, including Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (P.F.R.A.) will be applied towards the government share.

The program is retroactive to April 1, 1985, and will terminate on March 31, 1988.

AVAILABLE TO: Legally associated groups of, or individual bona fide Alberta farmers and/or ranchers. Priority will be given to those groups or individuals showing a long-term need for an improved water supply.

APPLY TO: Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
Municipal Utilities Division
2nd. Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Phone: 422-4591 or your local District Agriculturist office.

VII. OTHER

1. Alberta Heritage Fund Modified Mortgage Interest Reduction Program

PURPOSE: To shield Alberta homeowners from high mortgage interest rates.

TERMS: You must spend more than 35% of your household income on mortgage payments.
You must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status.
You must own your principal residence which must be located in Alberta.
You must live in this principal residence.
Your mortgage interest rate must remain above 12.5 per cent.

AVAILABLE TO: People who have applied for and were eligible to receive benefits under the Alberta Heritage Fund Mortgage Interest Reduction Program for August, 1984. One benefit per household.

APPLY TO: Application forms have been mailed to all applicants receiving August benefits from the Alberta Heritage Fund Mortgage Interest Reduction Program. If you have not received an application form, or if you require further information write:

The Director
Mortgage Assistance Branch
Alberta Department of Housing
P. O. Box 4020
Edmonton, Alberta
T6E 4S8 or phone:

Edmonton residents can phone: 422-4400
Calgary residents can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3811
Residents in other Alberta locations can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3822.

2. Home Adaptation Program (H.A.P.)

PURPOSE: This grant of $1,000 is for adaptations which will provide the wheelchair user access to his/her residency and provide moveability within the unit.

AVAILABLE TO: Homeowners, tenants and landlords who are wheelchair users or have a wheelchair user residing with eligible applicant and who have resided in Alberta for the past year. Their current adjusted family income must not exceed $25,500 per year. The tenant's landlord must agree in writing with proposal to adapt home.

Landlords should make adaptations to an existing or proposed construction of a residential building to accommodate one or more wheelchair users.

APPLY TO: Applications and brochures may be acquired from the Home Improvement Branch. For further information please contact:

Alberta Department of Housing
Home Improvement Branch
11156 Jasper Avenue
Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3B8
Telephone: Edmonton, 427-5760 or contact your long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093.

3. Alberta Property Tax Reduction Program

PURPOSE: The program is designed to reduce property tax burden by removing the provincial education tax on farmland, and ensuring the family farm home owner receives additional homeowner benefit where eligible.

TERMS: The homeowner benefit allows owners (under 65 years of age) to receive a credit equal to the difference between the provincial education tax removed and the lesser of either $200.00 or municipal taxes. When the owner is over 65 years, or widow/widowers 55-64 years receiving the Alberta Widows Pension, or widow/widowers 60-64 whose deceased spouse was 65, benefit equals the difference between the provincial education tax removed and the lesser of either $1,000.00 or municipal taxes. This benefit is credited to the property tax account.

AVAILABLE TO: The owner of a residence or mobile home and farmland which has been assessed and taxed. Additional homeowner benefit is calculated on home quarter only.

APPLY TO: The removal of the provincial education tax is automatic as shown on the tax notice. Application for the additional homeowner benefit must be made annually at the local municipal office.

4. Alberta Summer Farm Employment Program (Subject to Annual Government Renewal).

PURPOSE: To provide farm work experience for Alberta Youth from July 2nd to August 31, 1986.

TERMS: The government will pay up to a maximum of $300 or one-half of the youth's monthly salary whichever is least, and the employer's contributions to CPP and UIC. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and have written consent of their parents if they are under 18. They must also be a resident of Alberta for the past three years, and must be legally entitled to work in Canada. In addition, they must be prepared to attend one of Alberta Agriculture's farm safety seminars.

AVAILABLE TO: Any Alberta farmer is eligible to employ a youth under the program, providing the applicant is not a member of the employer's family.

APPLY TO: Employer and employee application forms can be obtained from any district agriculturist or Canada Farm Labour Pool office.

5. Alberta Wage Subsidy Program

PURPOSE: To provide work experience opportunities within the private sector for unemployed Alberta youth.

TERMS: Between April 1 and March 31, the Government will pay 50% of the youth's wages to a maximum of $2.50 per hour, for a minimum of three months. Employees must be legally entitled to work in Canada, and may not be a member of the employer's immediate family.

AVAILABLE TO: Any potential employer in Alberta, including farmers.

APPLY TO: Application packages available from Employment Development Offices of Alberta Manpower.

6. Alberta Youth Employment & Training Program

This is a two-element program, commencing November 1, 1984, terminating March 31, 1987.

1. PURPOSE: To provide post-secondary graduates who are unemployed or who are not working in their field of study, with jobs and training related to their education.

TERMS: The government will reimburse employers for 50% of employee wages, up to $7,800 per year. Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for 12 months. An additional $25 per day is available if you offer full-time training, plus up to 75% of related training costs. Eligible employees must have been residents of Alberta for the past three years.

2. PURPOSE: To provide work experience and training to young Albertans between the ages of 18 to 24, with preference given to high school graduates.

TERMS: The government will reimburse employers for 50% of employee wages, up to $3.50 per hour or $140 per week. Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for six months. Employers who retain an employee for a second six months will receive an additional $ 3,000 at the end of the twelve month period. An additional $ 15 per day, maximum $75 per week, and 75% of related training costs is available if training is on a full-time basis.

AVAILABLE TO: Private sector employers, including farmers, non-profit organizations, school and hospital boards, and municipalities.

APPLY TO: Applications available from Alberta Manpower's Employment Development Offices.

7. Alberta Training Program

PURPOSE: The ATP is a training incentive program designed to assist Albertans to upgrade and develop job skills.

TERMS: Business employers may apply for assistance to train current or new employees, at least 16 years of age. Employees must be permanent, full-time staff, who are training on the job or in the classroom on a full-time basis. Immediate family members are not eligible.

AVAILABLE TO: Private sector employers including farmers.

APPLY TO: Alberta Manpower's Employment Development Offices.

8. The Canada-Alberta Subsidiary Agreement on Nutritive Processing Assistance

PURPOSE: To help develop the agricultural processing industry and thereby enhance economic activity and balanced growth across Alberta.

TERMS: Provides capital grants to processing and research operations. Grants can be up to 35 per cent of eligible capital for new projects and 20 percent for modernization and expansion or research projects.
An application form has to be completed before the project is committed.

The project has to be located at least 10 miles from the border of Edmonton or Calgary, except for research projects.

At least 20 per cent equity required.

Applications had to be received by September 30, 1985.

NOTE: (See page 33 for details on extension of this program)

AVAILABLE TO: Operations that process products of nutritional value to animals or humans.

Processing operations that use products of plant or animal origin.

Private research and development facilities engaged in research of nutritive products or processing operations.

NOTE: At the time of this publication, an Agreement in Principle had been made on a $50 Million, five-year program to succeed the Canada-Alberta Subsidiary Agreement on Nutritive Processing Assistance.

Administrative guidelines are being developed and are expected to be fully approved in the near future.

For more information contact: Dr. Jim Wiebe
Telephone: 427-4287

9. Disaster Assistance Program

PURPOSE: Program administered by Alberta Public Safety which may provide financial assistance to municipalities and individuals in the case of emergencies and disasters. Disaster assistance to individuals is not intended to provide full compensation for damage and loss, but to aid in recovery from a disaster or emergency which victims could neither prevent nor readily insure against. Municipalities, however, may have total costs covered.

Guidelines: Before losses and damages or municipal expenditures may qualify for assistance, the following guidelines will be considered in assessing the need for same:

- the losses and damage have been so devastating as to threaten the economic survival of an individual or business;
- assistance would be in the public interest;
- in a municipality, an unusual amount of non-insurable loss and damage has affected a number of people;
- events causing damage or loss were extremely unusual as classified by a competent authority. For example, historical records, evaluated by Alberta Environment, indicate a weather related event may be classified as extremely unusual;
- the health, safety or welfare of the affected citizen or citizens have been at risk;
- persons directly affected and/or municipal authorities acted prudently and appropriately to protect property and minimize damage when, and if, warning was given.

AVAILABLE TO: ALL

APPLY TO: Alberta Public Safety
10320 - 146 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3A2 Telephone: 427-2772
or 451-7100

10. Federal Sales Tax Exemption

PURPOSE: Provide farmers with production inputs without payment of sales tax.

TERMS: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products are entitled to purchase machinery apparatus and parts thereof, for use directly in the manufacture or production of goods, without payment of sales tax.

Exemption is done by quoting the following certificate of exemption on their purchase order:

We certify that the goods ordered/imported hereby are to be used as outlined in Section 1, 3, and 4 of Part IV of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act.

_____
Signature of Purchaser

An "End Use" description should be given with this certificate. "End Use" is a term used to indicate the location and purpose for which the materials or equipment are purchased.

Pipe, pipe fittings and valves, hose, electric wire, cable and conduit and multi-purpose materials, such as lumber and steel, must be purchased on a tax-paid basis. The tax paid is subject to refund when these goods are incorporated into production equipment.

For specific details please contact Revenue Canada - Excise. Examples of exempt equipment are: farrowing crates, drainage tile and granaries, but not other buildings.

AVAILABLE TO: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products.

APPLY TO:

Revenue Canada Excise
P.O. Box 2525, Station M
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 231-5672

or

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2 Telephone: 420-3420

11. Mobile Home Loan Insurance Program (M.H.L.I.P.)

PURPOSE: To provide approved lenders with investment loss protection in the event that payments on mobile home loans are not met by the borrower. Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation underwrites the program. Because the insurance reduces the risk to the financial institution, lenders may be able to provide up to 85 per cent financing towards the purchase and set-up of a mobile home to an overall maximum of $40,000 and may also offer a more favorable interest rate and longer amortization period.

TERMS: Assistance to mobile homeowners is provided indirectly. Because of the reduced risk to the lender, financial institutions are able to provide more favorable lending terms.

AVAILABLE TO: An eligible mobile home is one that:

a) is new or used
b) is single or double wide
c) meets the appropriate CSA (Canadian Building Standards) building code
d) is not permanently affixed to a site
e) is on property the mobile homeowner owns, rents or has written permission to use
f) is a permanent residence
g) is located in Alberta

APPLY TO: Financial institutions contact AMHC.
Individuals contact their lender.

For information about the location of the nearest branch contact:

Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation
500, 112 Professional Centre
10050 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2L7
Phone: 482-9222

12. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)

a) Home Repairs

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance to homeowners for home repairs.

TERMS: A RRAP loan of up to $25,000 of which as much as $5,000 - $6,250 depending on location, may be non-repayable is available for repairs that bring a home up to health and safety standards. The amount of the repayable loan depends on "adjusted" family income.

AVAILABLE TO: Homeowners in selected rural and urban areas. Homes must be deficient in at least one of the following areas: structural soundness; electrical system, plumbing, heating system; or fire safety.

APPLY TO: Your Municipality or RRAP Delivery Agent.

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O. Box 2560	T2P 2N9	292-6200
Edmonton	P.O. Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431
Lethbridge	P.O. Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581

b) Alterations for a Disabled Occupant (RRAP)

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance to homeowners for alterations which will make homes more accessible to disabled persons.

TERMS: A RRAP loan up to $28,000 of which as much as $6,500 - $7,750, depending on location, may be non-repayable is available to adapt a home for a disabled occupant, if the alterations are combined with other RRAP home repairs. The amount of the repayable loan depends on "adjusted" family income.

AVAILABLE TO: A homeowner who is a permanent resident in a home in which one or more disabled persons is (or intends to become) a resident. Work on the home must satisfy "Building Standards for the Handicapped".

APPLY TO: Your Municipality or RRAP Delivery Agent.

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O.Box 2560	T2P 2N9	292-6200
Edmonton	P.O.Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431
Lethbridge	P.O.Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581

13. Senior Citizens Home Heating Protection Program

PURPOSE: To assist senior citizens with home heating costs.

TERMS: A rebate of $100 for each calendar year paid directly to eligible persons. The benefits of this program are retroactive to January 1, 1982 and extend through to December 31, 1987.

AVAILABLE TO: Individuals who are 65 years and older or between the age of 60 - 64 and whose deceased spouse was 65 years or older at the time of death are eligible. Widows and widowers who receive a pension under the Widows' Pension Act are also eligible. Eligible persons must own and live in their own home for at least 120 days during the calendar year.

APPLY TO: Rebates are mailed automatically to individuals who qualify for and receive the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit in respect to their property taxes. Persons who do not qualify for the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit but own and live in their residence for 120 days in a calendar year may apply for their rebate by completing an application form which is available at local municipal tax offices or the Rebates Branch.

Further Information: Contact the following agency:

Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
Rebates Branch
3rd Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Telephone: 422-4098

14. Seniors' Home Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.)

PURPOSE: Provides grants of up to $3,000 to senior citizen homeowners, to repair or improve their homes. The grant amount is dependent upon combined income of applicant and spouse for the last calendar year.

ELIGIBILITY: Homeowners who are 65 years of age or over and widow/widowers aged 55 or over. Their home must be the principal place of residence for at least nine months of each year. They must be Alberta residents for one year prior to date of application and Canadian citizens or landed immigrants with at least ten years residency in Canada. Only one grant per household is eligible.

APPLY TO: Applications and brochures can be picked up from any Treasury Branch, participating financial institutions or the Home Improvement Branch. For further information please contact:

Alberta Department of Housing
Home Improvement Branch
11156 Jasper Avenue
Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B8
Telephone: Edmonton 427-5760

or contact your long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093.

15. Agricultural Products Marketing Act (APMA)

PURPOSE: This Act extends federal powers to provincial marketing boards in order to improve the marketing conditions for agricultural commodities in the two areas of: (1) interprovincial and export trade; (2) levy authority. This delegation of authority gives, at the federal level, any or all powers which provincial legislation permits with regard to interprovincial trade. The board, agency or commission can obtain for its producers the same benefits for interprovincial and export trade as it does for trade within the province on marketing, handling, pricing information, appointment of shippers and dealer-shippers, etc. Authority is given as a result of a provincial request and is delegated by an Order-in Council.

In the second area, provincial marketing boards can receive authority from the federal government to charge levies, service charges and license fees on commodities moving interprovincially or exported.

AVAILABLE TO: Provincial commodity marketing boards established under provincial statutes are eligible.

CONTACT: Operating Programs and Special Studies
Marketing Services Division
Marketing and Economics
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

Regional Marketing Officer
Marketing and Economic Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400 , 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 1E2
Phone: (403) 420-4141

16. Canadian Agricultural Market Development Initiative (CAMDI)

PURPOSE: To increase or promote improvement in the marketing and marketing systems of Canadian agricultural products.

TERMS: The following types of projects are eligible for financial assistance up to 50% of eligible costs:
- promotional projects whose primary objective is to facilitate increased sales through increased consumption of farm produce;
- projects designed to improve storage conditions for domestic produce so as to extend the marketing season thereby reducing Canada's reliance on imports and increasing Canada's export markets;
- projects designed to assist in those areas where there is a deficiency in Canadian technical production and marketing capability;
- feasibility projects designed to identify the potential for the development of market, technical and commercial ventures; and
- projects designed to promote the sale of Canadian seed potatoes and other designated special crops in export markets.

AVAILABLE TO: Most types of organizations can apply, but must demonstrate adequate financial and managerial resources to carry out the obligations under the agreement. Priority is given to projects that will benefit the greatest number of producers.

17. Agricultural Products Cooperative Marketing Act (APCMA)

PURPOSE: APCMA is designed to assist and encourage the cooperative marketing of agricultural products by Canadian producers.

- allows the marketing organization to market the product in a more orderly fashion throughout the marketing season;
- allows the marketing organization to more efficiently plan its financial and marketing requirements; and
- allows producers to be made aware of the minimum price they will receive for their crops which further allows for the improvement of their farm management planning.

TERMS: The APCMA allows the Minister of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with marketing organizations such as cooperative associations, processors, or selling agents.

The agreement guarantees to the marketing organization an initial payment to primary producers, and eligible processing, carrying and selling costs of the organization to a fixed maximum. The agreement covers crops delivered to the pool and sold by the marketing organization.

At the end of the agreement, if the actual average wholesale price is greater than the guaranteed level, and excess funds are available in the organization's account, an interim and/or final payment is made to the producers. Should the actual average wholesale price received by the marketing organization be less than the initial payment and eligible operating costs covered by the agreement, Agriculture Canada pays the difference to the organization.

AVAILABLE TO: Most agricultural products, both field grown and livestock may qualify, except crops covered by the Canadian Wheat Board. Agreements may be signed with any producer group, processor or selling agents able to meet the requirements of the Act.

18. Production Development Assistance Initiative

PURPOSE: The primary objective is to encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified livestock and crop sector in the Canadian agricultural industry by:

- assisting agri-oriented organizations in funding local, national and international activities designed to promote improvement in the national herd and its associated human resource base;
- to assist in the development of new crops, varieties and production technologies which are beyond the basic research stage and which may have potential for commercial production;
- promoting the commercial adaptation of new crop and livestock production technology;
- assisting in the training and development of rural people;
- assisting selected organizations and individuals whose activities contribute to the development of specialized personnel and knowledge in the field of agriculture or to the promotion of the agricultural sector in the Canadian economy.

For additional information, contact:

Production Development Directorate
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0C5
Phone: (819) 994-0086

or

Food Production & Inspection Branch
Livestock & Poultry Division
Agriculture Canada
8th Floor, Federal Building
9820 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 1G2
Phone: (403) 420-2800

19. Producer Organization Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To assist, promote and/or stimulate the growth and future viability of a commodity or producer organization.

TERMS: Grants are made on a 50/50 cost sharing basis to any one commodity or producer organization in any one government fiscal year.

Funds and technical assistance are available but are not limited to the following assistance:

- providing initial start-up support
- creating an awareness of the commodity organization and its products within other segments of the agricultural production or processing sectors
- supporting the long-run viability and operation of the organization, including encouraging and developing a sound and viable membership base
- research into marketing systems available to producers, transportation related problems, etc.

AVAILABLE TO: Commodity or producer organizations.

APPLY TO: Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

VIII. ALBERTA HOKKAIDO AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of the program is to provide an exchange of people involved in agriculture and thereby improve the sharing of technical information and the cultural and social understanding between Alberta and Japan.

TERMS: Participants will be practising farmers or agricultural students who are 18 years of age or over and willing to support the purpose of the exchange. The duration of the exchange is generally one full year.

Exchangees may receive financial assistance to cover a portion of travel costs while participating in the exchange. Assistance, if provided, is the responsibility of the originating country.

AVAILABLE TO: Agriculture trainees 18 years of age or over.

APPLY TO: Department of Continuing Education
Olds College
Olds, Alberta
TOM 1P0

BENEFITS: Broadening of views and better understanding of the cultures of our neighbours and fellow agriculturists and others in the associated countries of the world in general. This is particularly true for the exchangees but also applies to a lesser extent to the host families in the recipient country. Exchangees may receive financial assistance during participation in the exchange. Assistance, if provided, is the responsibility of the originating country.

Increased trade is a fringe benefit as buyers prefer to deal with a culture and people they trust and respect.

This program is operated by Olds College under contract with Alberta Agriculture.

IX. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

PURPOSE: Provide comprehensive study programs in the agricultural field.

Lethbridge Community College, Fairview College, Olds College, and the Vermilion Campus Lakeland College offer comprehensive programs of study to prepare students for careers in most fields of agriculture for both on- and off-farm employment. To demonstrate their interest in the work of these institutions, a number of business firms, organizations and individuals have made considerable financial assistance available to students.

The four colleges listed offer two types of agricultural programs. Agricultural diploma programs run for two years. Agricultural certificate courses are one-year programs. If you are interested in enrolling in one of the agricultural programs, contact the registrar at the college to request information in the field of your interests.

As well as on campus studies, there are correspondence courses available at Olds College and Lakeland College. These are not offered at Lethbridge or Fairview. The Colleges also offer a number of two and three day short courses.

Olds Correspondence Courses:

1. Introduction to Farm Accounting
2. Advanced Farm Accounting and Income Tax
3. Introduction to Farm Management
4. Introduction to Marketing of Agricultural Products
5. Farm Finance
6. Horticulture for the Home Gardener
7. Small Engines
8. Air Photo Use

Olds College and the University of Guelph have a cooperative arrangement whereby each institution has the right to use courses offered by the other. There are enough Guelph courses available through Olds to offer the entire Ontario Horticulture Diploma Program by correspondence. Course details available from Olds College, (556-8355) Correspondence Division.

Lakeland Correspondence Courses:

1. Pesticides Dealer
2. Pesticides Applicator
3. Welding

AGRICULTURAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSES

Lethbridge Community College and Fairview College offer an Agricultural Financial Management course. This program has been developed to help farm families achieve their business and family goals. This is accomplished by providing business and financial management instruction in class and on the farm.

Families in the program have the opportunity to:
- develop the record system best suited to their own farm.
- analyze their records for management information.
- develop a plan for sound growth.

This three-year program, running from November to March consists of:

1. class meetings twice a month covering specific topics.
2. monthly farm visits by instructor.
3. the use of computers as a management tool is available in this course.

NOTE: Students are not obliged to complete all three years. The program is flexible enough to allow students to take as much or as little as they feel they need.

* Fairview College offers a 3rd. year option. The student can come back for a third year which consists of the application of computers in farm management.

AVAILABLE TO: Students enrolling or enrolled in programs of study at the agricultural colleges.

APPLY TO: The registrars at the colleges:

Fairview College	Olds College	Vermilion Campus	Lethbridge College
Box 3000	Olds, Alberta	Lakeland College	3000 College Drive S.
Fairview, Alberta	TOM IPO	VERMILION, Alberta	LETHBRIDGE, Alberta
TOH 1LO		TOB OMO	T1K 1L6
835-6605	556-8281	853-8400	320-3280

X. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ALBERTA FARMERS

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT
1. AG. ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES	
Advice on all types of agricultural engineering problems, (i.e. farm buildings, farmstead planning, materials handling and processing, energy, livestock waste management, soil and water management and farm power and machinery and mechanization.	Regional Agricultural Engineers and/or Regional Agricultural Engineering Technologists or Head Engineering & Rural Services Branch Alberta Agriculture 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181
2. AGRICULTURAL LAW SOLICITORS	
The agricultural public, farmers and farm organizations, agribusiness and government personnel use this office as an information resource and counselling center for interpreting agricultural laws. Such information is disseminated throughout all the communication medias, prepared opinions, letters, telephone calls, personal interviews both in office and in district agriculturists' offices and farm law lectures.	Agricultural Law Solicitors Alberta Agriculture Agriculture Center Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 Telephone: 329-5131 or Economic Services Division Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-7313
3. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES PROGRAM	
To assist agricultural societies in meeting their objectives in improving agriculture, horticulture, homemaking and the quality of life in the agricultural community. The section is available to provide information on fairs and exhibitions, leadership development, program planning and evaluation and volunteer training. Financial assistance is also available to agricultural societies.	Head Community Services Section Rural Services Division 201, J.G.O'Donoghue Building 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2171 or ADC Loans Officers at district offices.

4. A.A.D.C. ENTERPRISE COUNSELLING

This program, provided on a one-to-one basis with a counsellor, is available to any farmer, regardless of assets or net worth, who is experiencing severe financial problems. The enterprise counsellors, who are available throughout the province are respected farmers, businessmen, or professionals with related experience in agriculture, who are recognized as sound financial managers. The enterprise counselling service assists farmers by helping them better understand their present financial situation and provides them with written reports outlining the counsellors' recommendations.

Alberta Agricultural Development Corp.
Camrose Head Office
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4 Telephone: 679-1311
or
ADC Loans Officers at district offices.

5. A.D.A. FINANCIAL MGMT. CONSULTING

Provides independent, confidential assistance to farm families in the area of financial management, through consultants hired by Alta. Agriculture, who:
- assist in the preparation of statements which describe the present financial situation of the farm business
- help identify problem areas
- assist in determining viable alternatives to improve profitability and cash flow and work out plans for the coming year
- assist farmers to make preparations for discussing their proposals with lenders.

District Extension Offices
District agriculturist or
district home economist

6. ALBERTA FARM IMPLEMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION

Is responsible for licensing and bonding farm implement dealers and distributors in Alberta. The inspectors assist farmers in:
- settling warranty complaints
- procuring emergency repair parts, back-order parts and obsolete farm equipment parts.

Alberta Farm Implement Act Admin.
Inspector Dave Vand
J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2188

Alberta Farm Implement Act Admin.
Inspector Mel Service
Box 250
Olds, Alberta
TOM 1PO Telephone: 556-4223

7. ALBERTA 4-H PROGRAM

To facilitate informal technical and self-development education opportunities for rural youth. Information in over 30 different technical project is available and members are encouraged to enhance their inter-personal and leadership skills through public speaking programs, workshops, seminars, camps and various other personal development activities.

Head 4-H Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6
Telephone: 427-2541

8. ALBERTA GREEN CERTIFICATE FARM TRAINING PROGRAM

A unique apprenticeship-type educational program to develop potential farm workers, foremen/ herdsmen and farm managers. Candidates must be prepared to pursue an employment-centered program of training, leading to a career in the agricultural industry.

Farm Training Specialists in
Lethbridge, Airdrie, Red Deer,
Vermilion, Barrhead, Fairview,
Bonnyville,
District Agriculturists or
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 427-2173

9. CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Designed to provide information on cropping procedures and production of cereals, oilseeds, forage and special crops.

Head, Field Crops Branch Alberta
Agriculture 5718 - 56 Ave., Bag #47
Lacombe, Alberta TOC 1SO
Telephone: 782-4641 or
Edmonton: 423-4214

10. DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST SERVICES

Provide professional counsel to local farmers and agribusiness in the areas of crop, livestock and other agricultural production, farm management, marketing, credit, the implications of government policy and carry out as well as administer government programs. Offer informational and educational programs, publications and information on all aspects of agriculture relating to the local district.

Local District Agriculturist
or
Regional Directors:

Lethbridge:	329-5130
Airdrie:	948-5101
Red Deer:	340-5376
Vermilion:	853-2811
Barrhead:	674-8264
Fairview:	835-2291

11. DISTRICT HOME ECONOMIST SERVICE

Extend home economics information and education services to help people develop their abilities to manage their resources. Offer programs, publications and individual counselling in family resource management, foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, housing and leadership development.

District Home Economist
or
Head, Home Economics Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2412

12. EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK WATER PROGRAM

To provide at reasonable rate rental of equipment for filling farm water storages.

Irrigation pumps and pipe are available at the rate of:
$50/day/pump
$200/day for first mile of pipe
$100/day for each additional mile

Available to all farmers in Alberta with preference given to those with livestock, subject to demand, equipment availability and source of water.

Rural Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2186

13. FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

To provide advice and information on matters such as business arrangements, estate planning, leasing, credit management, analysis of records, farm taxation, computer information and farm budgeting, as well as Managing Agricultural Technology For Profit -- an annual three day seminar.

Head
Farm Business Management Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Box 2000
5030 - 50 Street
Olds, Alberta
TOM 1P0 Telephone: 556-4240

14. FARM IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT, CONSULTATION AND SERVICES

Assist in the implementation and maintenance of functional farm irrigation systems by providing planning, design and advisory information and service. Such information is disseminated throughout the communication medias, personal interviews, both on farm and the offices of the Irrigation Specialists and District Agriculturists province-wide.

Irrigation Branch
Irrigation & Conservation Division
Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7 Telephone: 381-5152

15. FEED TESTING SERVICE

To analyze farm grown feedstuffs and crops for primary producers, provide recommendations for ration requirements and recommendations for crop production problems.

Director, Soil and Feed Testing Laboratory
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9150

16. HEALTH MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Responsible for veterinary health management through inspection Health programs, education and farm visits. Field staff are responsible for enforcement of acts; collection of epidemiological data on diseases; administration of swine herd health and pasture programs; development of extension programs for producers and veterinarians; investigation of disease problems on farms and supervision of government-owned veterinary clinics.

Head
Management Branch
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9343

17. HOME-STUDY COURSES

Home-study courses on agricultural and rural topics are available at the following institutions and agencies:

Alberta Agriculture
Agricultural Education
7000-113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6 427-2404

Correspondence Office
Olds College
OLDS, Alberta
TOM 1P0 556-8355

REDA
14815 - 119 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5L 2N9 451-5959

Athabasca University
Box 10000
ATHABASCA, Alberta
TOG 2RO 675-6111
(collect)

Lakeland College
Vermilion Campus
VERMILION, Alberta
TOB 4MO 853-2971

Some of the home-study topics include: animal health, cattle nutrition, computers, engines, accounting and farm management, pesticides, soils, weed control and many others.

18. LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SERVICE

Responsible for the registration, renewal and transfer of cattle and horse brands; maintains and provides information from brand inspection records; licenses livestock dealers, agents and stockyards to protect livestock producers from unscrupulous trade practices; maintains and coordinates current information on all missing and stolen livestock; provides information on proper branding and identification practices; prepares and issues provincial brand books.

Co-ordinator
Regulatory Services
Alberta Agriculture
4809 48 Street
Stettler, Alberta
TOC 2LO Telephone: 742-3034

19. MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The market development group of Alberta Agriculture provides consultative and financial assistance to Alberta marketers of agricultural commodities processed food and feed products, and technical and consulting services.

Market development provides assistance to Alberta marketers in responding to the opportunities of the market - whether it is Alberta, Canada or the world.

Market development programs/services are available to Alberta based agricultural companies and associations, processors, marketers, or consultants engaged in marketing.

Executive Director
Market Development Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Telephone: 427-4241

20. MARKETING SERVICES DIVISION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The primary objective of the Marketing Services Division is to support and encourage the growth and development of Alberta's commodity, feed, food and beverage industry. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary that this private sector agri-industry have access to human, technical, and financial resources capable of supporting its development, processing, management, market maintenance, and supply response goals.

Director,
Marketing Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Flr. J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-3166

The programs are implemented in co-ordination with the Market Development Division to better able producers, produce groups, and processors to market their products in an Alberta, Canadian or international context and, with other Department Divisions, to take advantage of identified development opportunities applicable to the production and processing sectors.

The Marketing Services Division has been structured into five branches to best support this goal. The branches are:

1. Food Processing Development Centre
2. Agricultural Processing Development Branch
3. Agri-Food Development Branch
4. Business Analysis Branch
5. Food Laboratory Services Branch

Technical and skilled manpower and financial resources and programs are available to support the industry in its development objectives.

21. MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAMS

Designed to provide high quality seed cleaning and minimize the spread of weed seeds - three programs:

- establishment cost sharing
- upgrading cost sharing
- replacement cost sharing
- amalgamation cost sharing

Authorized under the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Cereal & Oilseed Section
Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service # 47
Lacombe, Alberta
TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641
or
Edmonton: 423-4214

22. ON-FARM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

To enable producers to become involved in regional on-farm testing and demonstration of new farm technology.
Any producer or farm organization with an innovative idea for a demonstration that could benefit farmers in the region or the agricultural industry as a whole can apply for a grant under this program.

Local District Agriculturist
or
Alberta Agriculture
Research Division
Room 206, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 427-2711

23. PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL: PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

Provides identification and control recommendations for plant disease and insects; provides plant identification and weed control recommendations. These services are provided by:

Local district agriculturist
or
agricultural fieldman

1. Alberta Environment Centre
   Bag Service 4000
   Vegreville, Alberta.
   TOB 4LO Telephone: 632-6767

2. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Box 10
   Olds, Alberta
   TOM 1PO Telephone: 556-4282

3. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Horticulture Research Centre
   Brooks, Alberta
   TOJ OJO Telephone: 362-5551

4. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Alberta Agriculture
   Box 7777
   Fairview, Alberta
   TOH 1LO Telephone: 835-2291

24. PRODUCTION AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS BRANCH

This branch conducts research in applied agricultural production and resource economics. Also provided is an information service in the areas of crops, livestock, dairy, land and water resources; and agricultural transportation. Studies are undertaken to determine the production costs and returns of various agricultural commodities by region and throughout the province with special emphasis on enterprise analysis. Regarding resource economics, the branch is responsible for determining the economic benefits and costs of land and water resource development and use in agriculture. Energy use in agriculture is also examined.

Head
Production & Resource Economics
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-5396

All reports from the Production Section and some reports from the Resource Section are available for distribution.

25. RECORD OF PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - BEEF AND SHEEP

Provides performance test programs for beef and sheep, administered within the framework of the federal-provincial guidelines. Programs are designed to provide breeders with performance trait and management information.

Supervisor, Beef Cattle
Performance Testing Ph.427-5079
Supervisor, Sheep
Performance Testing Ph.427-5079
2nd Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6

26. SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Analysis of soils to determine plant available nutrient contents, soil acidity, alkalinity, soluble salts, levels of elements such as aluminum and manganese. Recommendations for fertility and cultural practices are then made to the submitter.

Director
Soil and Feed Testing Lab.
Alberta Agriculture
8th Floor
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 427-9150

27. WATER WELL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Under the Water Well Recovery Program, compensation is available to farmers for the majority of their costs in re-establishing their damaged water supply if the alleged damage was caused by either seismic activity or the drilling of an oil or gas well. After making application under the Program the farmer must appear for a hearing before a Committee chaired by the Farmers' Advocate or his designate to establish the validity of his claim.

Farmers' Advocate of Alberta
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2433
or
Rural Services Division
Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2186

NOTE: The additional services listed above are intended to provide an indication of the variety of services provided by Alberta Agriculture. Many other services are available. If you have a specific concern, contact your district extension office.

XI TEMPORARY DROUGHT RELATED PROGRAMS

1. Dugout or Dam Rehabilitation

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance to farmers and ranchers in Alberta wishing to rehabilitate existing dugouts; bringing them up to at least the minimum standards established by P.F.R.A. Dugout Construction Program.

TERMS: Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of 50% of the eligible cost of restoring or improving existing dugouts up to a maximum of $1,000. The assistance under this program is available for all eligible projects completed between April 1, 1985 and March 31, 1986.

AVAILABLE TO: The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant.

APPLY TO: Application forms can be obtained from your local District Agriculture office.
For further information contact:

Agricultural Engineering Services Branch
Alberta Agriculture
J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181

2. New Dugout or Dam Construction

PURPOSE: To provide assistance to farmers and ranchers in Alberta who wish to construct a new dugout or dam.

TERMS: This program matches the P.F.R.A. Grant, which is 1/3 the eligible cost or specified unit cost allowances, whichever is less, to a maximum of $1,650 per project.

AVAILABLE TO: The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant.

APPLY TO: Application forms can be obtained from your local District Agriculture office.
For further information contact:

Agricultural Engineering Services Branch
Alberta Agriculture
J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181

3. Alberta Beekeepers Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To provide per hive assistance to registered beekeepers in recognition of production losses experienced in 1985.

TERMS: Eligible honey producers can receive a one-time only payment of $15/hive. There is no maximum hive limit, however, there is a 100 hive deductible.

AVAILABLE TO: Honey producers who were registered with Alberta Agriculture as of May 15, 1985. The payment each producer receives will reflect the hive count as registered on May 15, less 100 hives.

APPLY TO: Application forms for the Alberta Beekeepers Assistance Program are being developed and will be distributed to eligible registered producers early in 1986.

4. Alberta Livestock Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To provide assistance to cattle, sheep, horse, goat and bison producers in maintaining viable breeding herds and flocks.

The intention of the Alberta Livestock Assistance Program is to provide assistance which is supplementary to the 1985-1986 Canada/Alberta Livestock Drought Assistance Program so that all Alberta livestock producers receive equal assistance per eligible head under the combined program.

Applications for the Canada/Alberta Livestock Drought Assistance Program had to be submitted to the local district agriculturist's office by December 13, 1985.

DESIGNATED AREAS:

(a) Zone C includes those areas of the province not included in either Zone A or Zone B of the 1985-86 Canada/Alberta Livestock Drought Assistance Program.
(b) Zone B includes those areas of the province that are included in Zone B of the 1985-86 Canada/Alberta Livestock Drought Assistance Program.
(c) Zone A includes those areas of the province that are included in Zone A of the 1985-86 Canada/Alberta Livestock Drought Assistance Program.

(See local district agriculturist's office for zone area map)

TERMS: An initial payment will be made on all eligible breeding females within the designated zones that were owned by the applicant on September 1, 1985. A supplementary payment will be made on all eligible breeding females in the designated zones that are owned by the applicant on April 1, 1986. A producer files an initial application.

The supplementary payment will be based on additional information provided by the applicant in April of 1986.

INITIAL PAYMENTS: (a) Within Zone C the initial payments will be:
(i) $50.00 per eligible cow, mare, heifer and filly, and
(ii) $10.00 per eligible ewe and doe goat.

(b) Within Zone B and for those producers in Zone A that were approved for payment at Zone B rates, the initial payments will be:
(i) $20.00 per eligible cow, mare, heifer and filly, and
(ii) $ 4.00 per eligible ewe and doe goat.

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

(a) Within Zone C the supplemental payments will be:
(i) $25.00 per eligible cow, mare, heifer and filly, and
(ii) $ 5.00 per eligible ewe and doe goat.
(b) Within Zone B and for those producers in Zone A that were approved for payment at Zone B rates the supplemental payments will be:
(i) $10.00 per eligible cow, mare, heifer and filly, and
(ii) $ 2.00 per eligible ewe and doe goat.

NOTE: Completed application must be returned to the office of the district agriculturist no later than February 28, 1986.

AVAILABLE TO: Livestock producers who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants who owned a minimum of five eligible animals on September 1, 1985.

APPLY TO: Your local district agriculturist's office.

5. CANADA - ALBERTA CROP INSURANCE

As a result of extreme drought conditions in Alberta, two adjustments to Canada/Alberta Crop Insurance programs have been made. These adjustments will continue to place an emphasis on crop insurance as a self-help measure enabling farmers to protect themselves against serious crop loss.

A. TEMPORARY COVERAGE RESTORATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To restore policyholder's coverage levels to those in 1984.

TERMS: Policyholders who lost positive coverage adjustment in 1985 as a result of a claim in 1984, would be re-instated to the 1984 level.

The difference between the cost of a claim of the adjusted coverage level and the policyholder's basic coverage level is made up by the government of Alberta.

This program will remain in place for 1986.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE FOR LOW YIELDING CROPS

PURPOSE: An allowance for crops with low yield potential or a low harvested yield is being made under this program. Yields below certain levels are prorated to lower levels, thereby increasing the amount of the payout.

TERMS: As an example payout, a policyholder with an estimated yield of below 9 bushels per acre of barley would be adjusted downward to 3.6 bushels per acre for adjustment of claim purposes. In 1985, depending on the price option selected by the insured, the adjustment in this case could amount to an additional $10 - $13 per acre payout, above the normal indemnity.

AVAILABLE TO: These benefits go to existing policyholders.

APPLY TO: These programs are automatically processed through Canada/Alberta Crop Insurance.

It should be emphasized that the Coverage Restoration Program and the Supplementary Allowance for Low Yielding Crops are not permanent programs to crop insurance. They are special measures taken this year, largely in response to unfavorable weather conditions.